8.2% in 1998-99, at 9.6% in 1999-21)00 and is expected to grow at 8.3% in 2000-01. IT is the fastest growing segment in the services sector and its contribution as a percentage of GDP grew from 2.29% in 1998-99 to 3.24% in 1999-2000.

Posts of Hindi Translators/Officers/Assistants in the Ministry of Labour

4483. DR. Y. LAK.SHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in his Ministry and allied PSUs/attached and subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondence;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) 334 posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/Assistants have been created.

(b) Details of vacant posts are given in the statement enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) Posts are to be filled by way of direct recruitment/promotion/ deputation as per the provisions of recruitment rules. Requisitions have been sent to the Union Public Service Commission & Staff Selection Commission for nomination of direct recruit candidates. Procedural formalities are being completed for filling up of the posts by promotion/deputation.

Statement *Details of*

Vacant Posts

Hindi Officers	Hindi Translators		Assistants	
No. of posts vacant	No. of posts and since when vacant	No. of posts vacant	No. of posts and since when vacant	No. of posts vacant	No. of posts and since when vacant
18	1—1994 1—1995 1—19% 6—1997 1—1998 7—2000 1—2001	57	1—1985 1—1992 9—1996 29—1997 5—1998 2—1999 8—2000 2—2001	Nil	Nil

Workers and industrial units covered under EPF and MP Act, 1952

† 4484. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minsiter of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the workers and industrial units alongwith the offices so far brought under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952;

(b) whether the future of the employees engaged in the offices titled "Associates" is completely dark;

(c) whether such illegal associates are found in abundance in the offices located in Hauz Khas and Safdarjung Development Area;
and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.